Introduced by Senator Denham

February 20, 2004

An act to amend Section 111080 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1589, as amended, Denham. Bottled and vended water.

The existing Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law regulates the packaging, labeling, and advertising of food, drugs, and cosmetics. That law also provides for the regulation by the department of persons engaged in activities relating to bottled, vended, hauled, and processed water. A violation of these provisions is a crime.

Specifically, the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law requires the quality and labeling standards requirements for bottled water and vended water to include standards prescribed by federal regulations. In addition, existing law requires that bottled water and vended water may not exceed 10 parts per billion of total triahalomethanes or 5 parts per billion of lead unless the State Department of Health Services establishes a lower level by regulation.

This bill would instead, require that only, unless the department establishes a lower level by regulation, bottled water-may not exceed 10 parts per billion of total triahalomethanes or 5 parts per billion of lead unless the department establishes a lower level by regulation. For vended water, the bill would require that it meet all maximum contaminant levels set for triahalomethanes and lead and vended water not exceed 10 parts per billion of total triahalomethanes, on average, or 5 parts per billion of lead for public drinking water. This bill would

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also require the department to develop a program for inspecting water vending machines, as specified.

By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 111080 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

111080. The quality and labeling standards requirements for bottled water and vended water, including mineral water, shall include all standards prescribed by Section 165.110 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations. In addition, bottled water and vended water, when bottled, shall comply with the following quality standards and any additional quality standards adopted by regulation that the department determines are reasonably 10 necessary to protect the public health:

- (a) Bottled water and vended water shall meet all maximum contaminant levels set for public drinking water that the department determines are necessary or appropriate so that bottled water may present no adverse effect on public health. New or revised allowable levels or monitoring provisions adopted for bottled water by the United States Food and Drug Administration under the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act that are more stringent than the state requirements for bottled water are incorporated into this chapter and are effective on the date established by the federal provisions unless otherwise established by regulations of the department.
- (b) Bottled water may shall not exceed 10 parts per billion of total triahalomethanes or five parts per billion of lead unless the department establishes a lower level by regulation. Vended water

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shall meet all maximum contaminant levels set for triahalomethanes and lead for public drinking water.

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- (c) Vended water shall not exceed, on average, 10 parts per billion of total triahalomethanes, unless the department establishes a lower level by regulation. Vended water shall not exceed five parts per billion of lead, unless the department establishes a lower level by regulation.
- (d) Bottled and vended water may not contain shall contain no chemicals in concentrations that the United States Food and Drug Administration or the state department has determined may have an adverse effect on public health.
- (e) The State Department of Health Services shall develop a program to inspect water vending machines using a statistically significant sample. The inspection program may also include procedures for inspecting the quality of the water and for determining if the water vending machines are in compliance with labeling requirements.
- SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because 20 21 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school 22 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution. 27